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In re application of

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SYSTEM OF MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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March 4, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.